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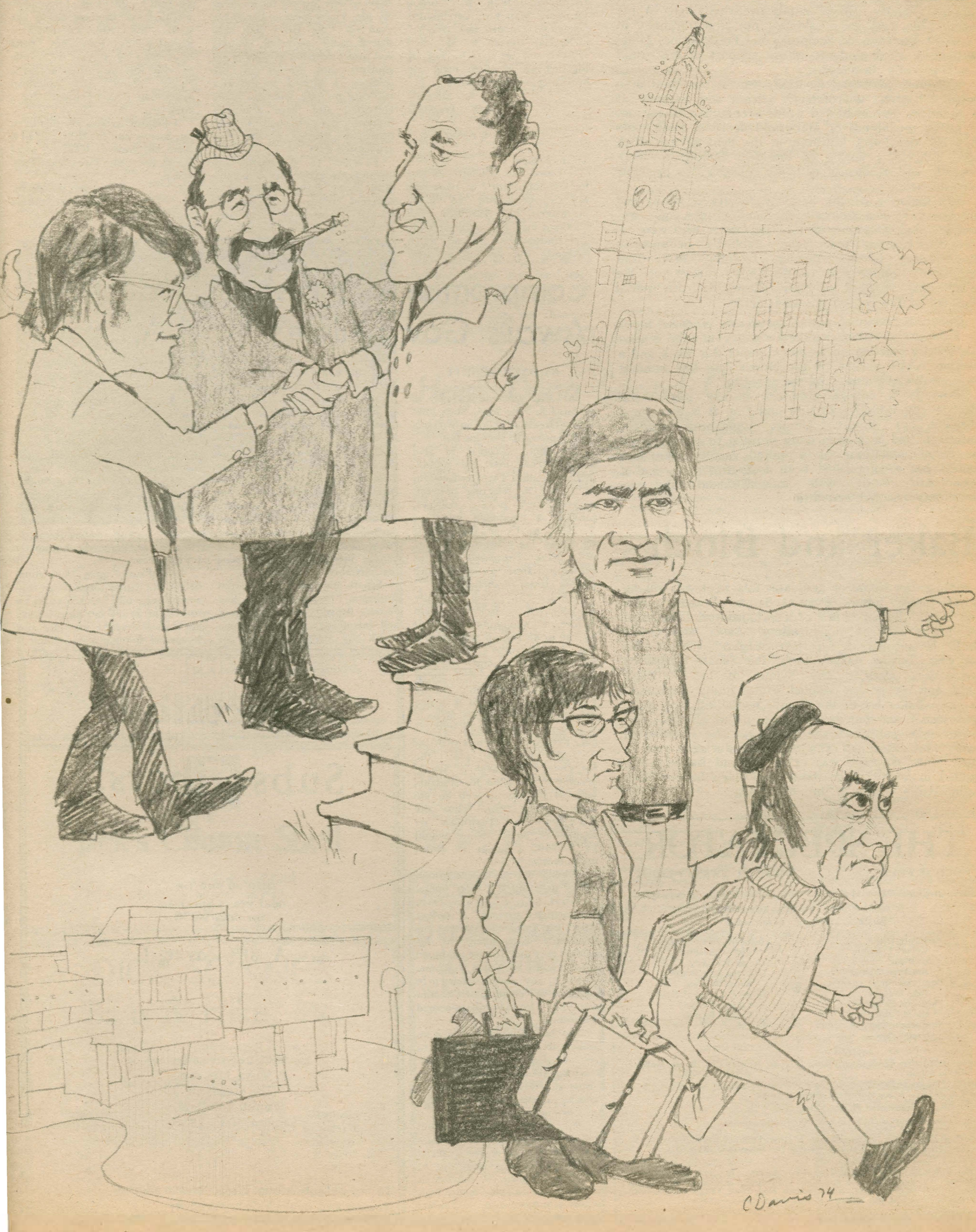

Faculty Powerless

The decision not to tenure Assistant Professor of Philosophy Phyllis Morris, now under appeal, marks the second time this year that the Kirkland College community has been divided on personnel matters.

President Samuel F. Babbitt, in denying tenure to Professor Morris, has over-ridden the desires of the Kirkland faculty, which stands overwhelmingly in her favor. This past fall, Babbitt's non-reappointment of Assistant Professor of Sculpture and Printmaking, James McDermid, riled students whose support of McDermid was apparently dismissed.

Individual personnel decisions remain confidential in order to protect a professor's privacy and integrity. It is therefore impossible to make a complete assessment of either the Morris or McDermid decision. Both cases may be considered, however, in the light in the which they indicate a failure of President Babbitt to work honestly and efficiently with the college's two principal constituencies.

The majority of the Kirkland faculty is young and untenured; of the college's 46 faculty, only eight are tenured, including two of four professors who were up for consideration this year. Babbitt's decision is disconcerting to the faculty. It now seems that professors hoping for tenure must meet not the professional standard of their fellows, but the special standard of the college president alone.

Their self-governing power apparently rendered moot by Babbitt's decision, Kirkland faculty morale is low. The faculty meeting on reappointments this week and a possible AAUP review of the Morris case this summer indicates the seriousness of the situation.

Although a college president usually retains the ultimate responsibility to hire and fire, it is rare for a president to dismiss almost unanimous student sentiment, and it is even more unusual to countermand the recommendations of a united faculty. President Babbitt has accomplished both feats this year, and it does not bode well for Kirkland and its community-oriented structure.

Baker and Bloch

Among the Hamilton graduates this weekend will be George Baker, former Student Senate President, and Fred Bloch, former editor of The Spectator. Leaders of two major student organizations, Baker and Bloch should be recognized for their outstanding work this past year. During Baker's term, the Senate revised its constitution, clarified the bylaws of the Judiciary Board, and prepared a detailed Winter Study curriculum proposal; Baker leaves the Senate revitalized, and more active than it was before he took office. Bloch, who courageously published the names of the Presidential Search candidates, led The Spectator during a year in which news coverage was expanded and issues nearly doubled in length. Both Baker and Bloch have offered commendable service to the community.

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Letters To The Editor

Thank you

To the Editor:

For the second year running the Block H Awards Banquet was a smashing success. Many thanks to Tom Janosky, Banquet Chairman, Gene Long, Athletic Director, Dean R. Gordon Bingham, Master of Ceremonies, and all who helped and attended.

Special thanks to Mr. Earl D'Aprix and his staff for putting together an excellent meal and providing excellent service.

Ben Madonia
Block H President

Thank you again

To the Editor:

I would like this letter to give me the opportunity of expressing my appreciation to many members of Hamilton and Kirkland Colleges. A person's life and contentment are very much governed by the people who become his friends and companions in the community in which he lives. This is certainly true in a college situation and especially pertinent to my situation as a foreign student come to this country for a year of my life. I have spent an invaluable year on "the Hill" and have shared many enjoyable, exciting and novel experiences with many students and friends of the colleges. I arrived in America knowing nobody and was made welcome and have gradually become very attached to the American people I am now acquainted with.

I want to emphasize the tremendous experience a person gains from living abroad in a different culture for a year and would encourage anybody interested in such a venture to make the attempt and actualize his ideas. In meagre reciprocation to the kindnesses shown to me here, I hope that anybody traveling to Britain will be sure to visit and stay with me on my father's farm or at Edinburgh University. I extend this invitation not only to the people I have been fortunate in meeting during the year, but also to those I unfortunately have not been befriended by. If you are u able to visit this year then accept a "rain check" (an American expression I have learned!) for a later year.

I humbly extend my thanks to my friends on "the Hill" and wish them the best of luck and good health for future years. Take care. Peace.

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Compromise Bill Increases Student Aid Awaits Gov. Wilson's Final Approval

BY DAVID SCHUTT

A bill increasing aid to students in New York State now awaits Governor Malcolm Wilson's final approval to become law.

The bill, designed to give students from low and middle income families a greater freedom of choice in selecting between public and private colleges, provides a maximum grant of $1,750 to next year's freshmen. If signed by the Governor, the law will give increased aid to subsequent freshman classes until all four classes are included.

When the plan is fully implemented, a freshman could receive a maximum grant of $1,500 or his tuition, whichever is less, if his family's net taxable income (NTI) is under $2,000. Juniors and seniors in a similar financial bracket would receive $1,300. Benefits would be scaled down according to family income. A student whose family's NTI was over $20,000 would receive no aid

Under the new plan, the Regents Scholarship would become a flat $250 for students who do sufficiently well on the state regents exam. Thus the maximum a freshman or sophomore could receive would be $1,750; a junior or senior might receive $1,550.

Among the provisions in the ninety page bill is a more liberal definition of the term "emancipated student". A student who can prove that he is financially independent of his parents may now receive aid based solely on his own income. However, any student wishing to be classified as "emancipated" could not live in a college-owned dormitory.

The bill calls for a new state agency to be created in 1975 to set uniform standards for receiving aid and to administer its dispersal. As a result a student seeking financial help would file only one application.

If enacted into law, the bill will aid many private colleges which have faced severe financial problems in recent years due to inflation. Because of substantial increases in tuition, many high school seniors have enrolled at less expensive state schools.

In its present form this bill marks the end of a long period of discussion and compromise among several legislators and the Governor. Assemblyman Peter Costigan (R-Setauket) introduced a bill two months ago which is similar to the one sitting on the Governor's desk in the size of the grants and its method of implementation (The new bill provides $200 less for the student). The Costigan bill, backed by Assembly Speaker Perry Duryea, was killed in a Senate committee after passing the Assembly.

Senate Majority Leader Warren Anderson (R-Binghamton) and Senator Ronald Stafford (R-Peru) had introduced a different plan which also increased the size of the aid. Their bill also provided for the creation of an agency to administer the grants and clarified the definiton of an "emancipated student". These grants would have been subject to legislative approval every year. This bill died in an assembly committee after passing the Senate.

Just prior to the end of the legislative session the Governor issued his proposal which also increased the aid to college students and provided for increased aid to medical schools for expansion.

In Albany most legislators believe the Governor will sign this compromise bill, but according to sources in Albany, a rumor is now circulating that he may ask the legislature to reconsider the bill.

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Appeals Committee Recommends Morris Tenure

BY LIZ BARROW

President Samuel F. Babbitt will decide within the next few days on the tenure of Phyllis Morris, Kirkland philosophy professor. The issue of Morris's tenure has developed into a controversy about the responsibility of the president to consider faculty opinion in a tenure or reappointment decision.

Two faculty committees recommended tenure for Morris. Babbitt, however, overruled their recommendations.

Following this veto Morris took her case to the Appeals Committee. Chairman Thomas Scott, Kirkland psychology professor presented Babbitt and Morris with the committee's findings two weeks ago, which supported the faculty committee's decision.

"We do not substitute judgement for those whose responsibility it is to make the decision," Scott stressed. "Our limit of authority is to recommend a reconsideration of the decision at some level or another, if it had been inadequate or improper."

The standards for reconsideration include information missing from the original recommendation, exclusion of an important party from the decision, and improper or irrelevant standards applied in the decision.

If Babbitt disregards the Appeals Committee's recommendation and advises the Kirkland Board of Trustees to deny Morris tenure, Morris would have two options. She could apply to the Appeals Committee to review her case again or she could bring her case before the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) for consideration. Morris said she would probably pursue the latter possibility.

The AAUP would probably begin its investigation this summer although a decision might not be made for several months. If the AAUP decision supports Morris it is possible that it would censure either the college, Babbitt, or the Appeals Committee.

One professor said the reason for Babbitt's refusal to recommend tenure for Morris is most generally considered to be related to Babbitt's teaching standards for faculty. They are not as high as he wishes, although some feel that he takes the Morris case as special and borderline. Some faculty indicate that certainly teaching ability is important; there are however other qualifications such as committee involvement and scholarship that must be considered according to the Kirkland constitution.

Most faculty members are angry about Babbitt's refusal to support the faculty committee's decisions. They emphasize, however, that they have not had access to the specifics of Morris' case and therefore are most concerned about the principle of Babbitt's veto.

One professor said, "We feel that peers are more qualified to judge quality of a colleague's scholarship, teaching, and community service."

Several faculty members have spoken to Babbitt about the Morris issue and the members of the Social Science Division not on involved committees sent a petition to Babbitt supporting the decision of the faculty committees.

Division Chairman David Begelman said, "I think she should be given tenure. I find her to be an outstanding and competent colleague and a woman of great dignity. She's been extremely helpful to me from the standpoint of my professional development."

If Babbitt again ignores faculty opinion on this issue, there seem to be two ways in which the faculty might show their displeasure. David Gray, professor of sociology cited the possibility of the faculty taking a firmer position vis-a-vis the administration while Begelman said there could be stronger retaliation. "People might become demoralized and seek to leave this school," he said.

Gray said, "This is an extremely important issue for this college to clarify and resolve sensibly in the best interests of Kirkland College in all its constituencies."

There was a faculty meeting this afternoon at which the general policies concerning faculty reappointment and tenure were to be discussed.

Babbitt said he felt that he and the faculty basically agreed on much of the policies and said, "I'm acting on the case itself. If I can resolve the issue through this case, then OK."

Assistant Philosophy Professor Phyllis Morris with President Babbitt

Ham. Dean Search Committee Named

The committee to aid Hamilton President J. Martin Carovano in his search for a successor to Dean of the College Stephen G. Kurtz has been formed, and is expected to meet for the first time next week.

At a faculty meeting Tuesday, Professor of Chemistry Lawrence Yourtee, Associate Professor of History David Millar, Associate Professor of Philosophy Robert Simon and Assistant Professor of Government Richard Suttmeier were selected as faculty representatives to the search committee comprised of four faculty and two students.

Elected from a field of ten self-nominees by the Hamilton Student Senate, Bob Evans '75, and Roger Schneider '75, will be the student representatives to the committee.

The first meeting of the committee will be scheduled by Carovano, at which time a chairman will be elected and the guidelines for the committee's operation will be set.

Speaking of his future relation with the advisory committee of which he is not a member, Carovano said, "I don't know exactly how we're going to work it." He said, "The committee will be free to meet without me, and I suspect they will." Carovano is empowered by the College to make the final selection.

Although groundrules for the search have not been set, Carovano said, "My inclination is that the prime candidates will meet with a larger group than just the committee. But I don't know exactly how we will arrange it."

Asked about the role of the community in the early stages of the search, the President said, "We've delegated responsibility to the committee to identify several prime candidates. It's their job to screen."

"I think we will want a clear idea of what the position entails and then find the best qualified man to take that position," he said, commenting on criteria to be used in the search.

Schneider said that he envisioned his role on the committee to be a representative one. "As students," he said of himself and Evans, "we should inform students as much as possible, and solicit student opinion regarding criteria for the search for dean."

Schneider said that complaints that the student representatives to the presidential search committee were not as representative or accountable as they should have been were justified.

Senate President Kevin McTernan said, "It is expected that when they have something to tell, they will make a report to the Senate."

"Until we get final candidates," Schneider said, "there will probably be very little to say."

"I would support that the qualifications (of candidates) be made public," Schneider said. He also said, however, "If you set definite criteria, you may get yourself in a hole."

"We as students must show the greatest amount of humility, but also the greatest amount of forcefulness," Schneider said. Although he does not foresee any problems in students working with the faculty, Schneider said, "I speak up when I feel strongly about something."

Schneider is Chairman of the Senate Curriculum Committee, Chairman of the Adler Conference Steering Committee, and he is a Senator.

Evans, not a senator, was Chairman of the Winter Study Sub-committee of the Curriculum Committee which drew up the Senate-endorsed curriculum proposal submitted to the Committee on Academic Policy this spring. Evans is also a member of the Adler Steering Committee.

Professor Simon, president-elect of the Hamilton Chapter of the American Association of University Professors, declined to comment on the search, or his role as a committee member until the committee's first meeting.

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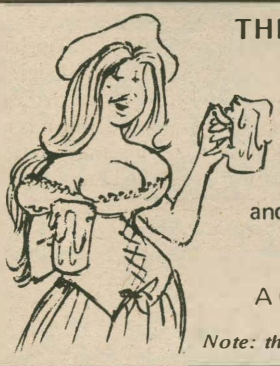

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Hamilton Professors Promoted

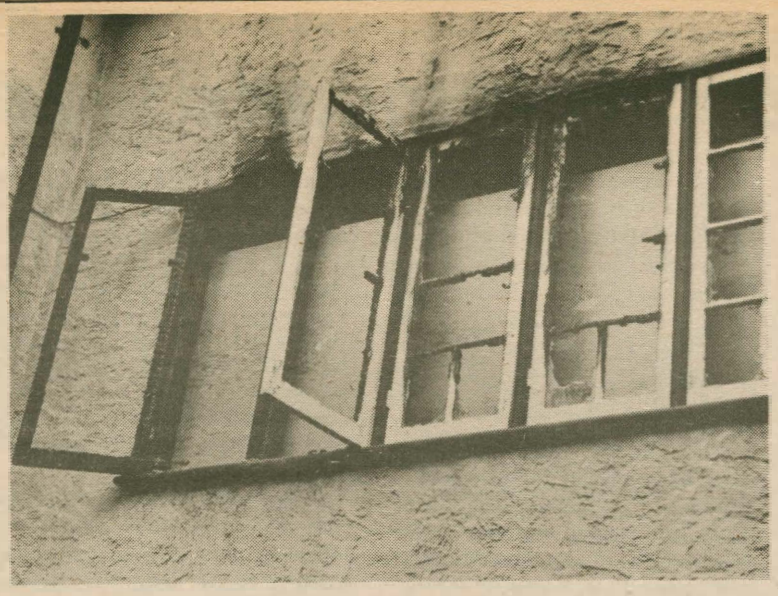
Six faculty members at Hamilton have received promotion in rank, effective July 1, President J. Martin Carovano announced.

Rouben Cholakian and Jay G. Williams were elevated to the full professor's level. Cholakian had been associate professor of Romance Languages, and Williams had been associate professor of Religion.

Norman E. Bowie, assistant professor of Philosophy and Melvin B. Endy, assistant professor of Religion, were promoted to the associate professor's level.

Frederick McDonald and Manfred von Schiller were promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of Physical Education.

Professor Cholakian, a graduate of Bates College with the doctorate from Columbia University, has been a member of the Hamilton faculty since 1963. He is a specialist in Renaissance and Medieval French literature.



The former house of Albert Wallace at 98 College Hill Road, the renovation plans for which had been approved by the Hamilton College Trustees at their last meeting. The projected cost for renovating the fire-gutted structure amount to $126,000.

Professor Bowie serves as executive secretary of the American Philosophical Association in addition to teaching at Hamilton. A graduate of Bates College with the doctorate from the University of Rochester, he has been at Hamilton since 1969.

Professor Williams, who has been on the Hamilton faculty since 1960, is known for his scholarship in the Old Testament and in the study of 17th-century theology.

Professor Endy is a *magna cum laude* graduate of Princeton University. He obtained a B.D. form Yale University Divinity School, and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Yale under a fellowship from the Lilly Foundation. His specialty is the history of Christianity

Hill Trustees Meet

HAMILTON'S TRUSTEES

The Hamilton Board of Trustees approved the college's 6.8 million dollar budget at their last meeting, May 11, Provost Eugene Lewis announced. The budget represents a six percent increase over last year's figures.

"The endowment is doing what the stock market is doing," said Lewis, referring to the discouraging economic situation in the nation. He added that the endowment has not shrunk as badly as the Dow Jones average has recently.

The Trustees approved the allocation of $20,000 to install the college's forthcoming computer in the basement of the Daniel Burke Library, and alloted up to $25,000 for engineering studies which will begin the million dollar renovation of the Chemistry Building.

The former residence of Vice President Albert Wallace will be renovated at a projected cost of $126,000, and will be ready for student residence in September 1975, if plans proceed normally.

"If Nixon lets gas prices float, the prices will go way up", said Lewis, commenting on the meteoric rise in the price of utilities this past year and the possible increases in cost that could accrue to Hamilton for 1974-75.

In other action, the Trustees received a report from the engineering firm, O'Brien and Gere who were doing a feasibility study on lowering the water levels in the creek in Root Glen. The estimated cost is $160,000 to bring the water back to 1965 levels. Because of the increased population and water use on the Hill since that year the water has been rising.

KIRKLAND'S TRUSTEES

Kirkland College recently named two new trustees, Mrs. Reginald Matthews and Ms. Elyn Cheney '73. Both were elected at the Board's May 11th meeting in Clinton.

Mrs. Matthews, a resident of New York City and former Kirkland Associate, is president of the Brearly School Parents Association, Chairperson of the Search Committee for a new director for the Brearly School, and executive director of WHEELS, (We Help Expedite Early Learning Situations) a project aiding integration of private schools.

Mrs. Matthews herself was educated mostly in private schools. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Hampton Institute in Virginia, and did post-graduate work in organic chemistry at Columbia U. She was also a head nurse at New York Hospital for six years.

Elyn Cheney, a 1973 Kirkland graduate, presently attends Harvard Divinity School as a Rockefeller Trial Year Fellow.

While at Kirkland, Elyn became known as "The college bag-piper." She began the tradition of piping at college ceremonies when she played for President Babbitt's inauguration.

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Gracious Davenham Awaits Carovanos

BY RAND CARTER

Few people coming up College Hill Road can have failed to notice the imposing brown shingled house above the first bend in the road with its splendid view east of the Oriskany.

Since 1956 this has been the official residence of Hamilton College's President and it is into this house that President and Mrs. Carovano will be moving this August, leaving behind the house on Griffin Road which they had tailored to their own private needs just five years ago.

This 65 year old house is in fact the third official President's Residence in the history of Hamilton College, succeeding the present Alumni House and the large mansarded white frame building surviving only in the memory of many of this year's senior as the former Delta Phi House which stood proudly to the north side of College Hill Road.

Those who had the pleasure of hearing Miss Silvia Saunders' delightful address on Class and Charter Day will recall that the Alumni House was built in 1802 by the master builder Isaac Williams on a site corresponding to the northwest corner of College Hill and Campus Roads. After serving as a boarding house for the students of Hamilton Oneida Academy in 1813, the house became the official residence of the first president of Hamilton College, Azel Backus. With one prolonged interlude it continued to serve that function until the second official residence was finished in 1869 for President Samuel Gilman Brown, who had accepted the position on condition that a new house be built.

Only two Hamilton presidents have chosen to live in thieir own private houses — Simeon North, who lived in the 1817 house now known as the Grant House from 1839 to 1857, and Thomas Brown Rudd, who preferred living in his own house on Bristol Road between 1947 and 1949. During North's presidency the original president's house was moved 150 yards west to the top of the hill and turned ninety degrees so that it faced south and the road.

The current President's Residence, for many years known as "Davenham", was given to Hamilton in 1955 by Frederick Morgan Davenport (1866-1956) with the understanding that the College would retain title of the property. Davenport, who had been Maynard Knox Professor of Law at Hamilton from 1904 until 1929, had also been State Senator, a member of the United States Congress, and an unsuccessful candidate for Governor of New York in 1921.

In 1909 Davenport had bought two and one-half acres of land just above the first bend in College Hill Road. On the property stood a boarding house where one-third of Hamilton's students ate at a time when the campus had no Commons. Davenport had the two end wings of the boarding house demolished and moved the core of the house back from the road where it was to serve as a house for the caretaker to the large house which he and a New York architect, Arthur Jackson, built that same year.

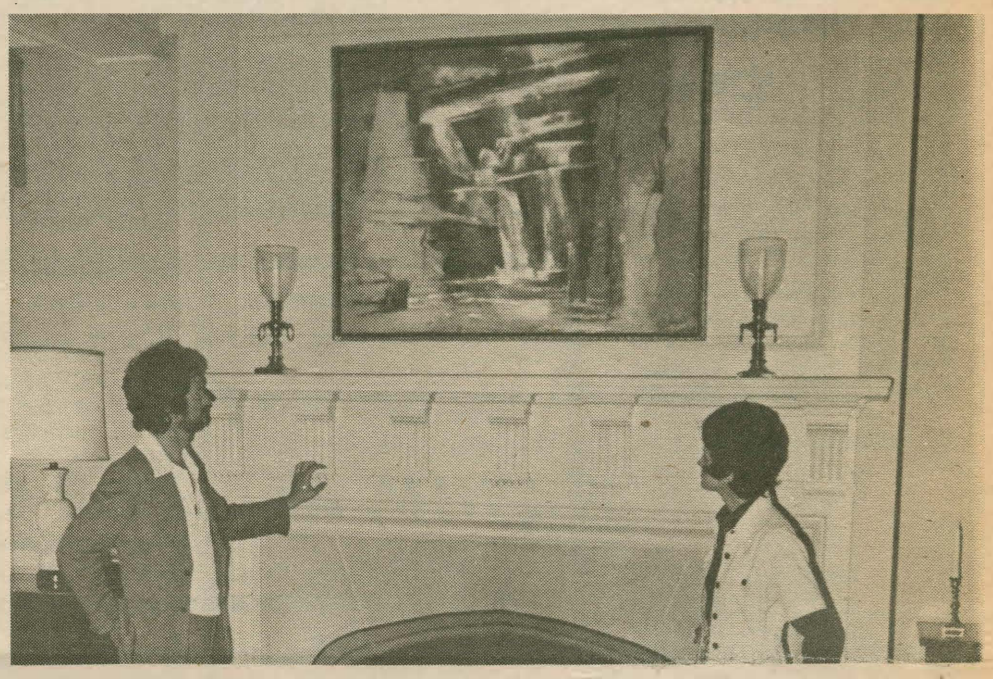
Hamilton faculty members seem to have done rather well in those days, for in addition to this ten bedroom house, Davenport also maintained a house in Clinton. Twenty-three years earlier, in 1886, another Hamilton professor, Hermann Brandt, had built a house further up the hill in an especially florid version of the "Queen Anne Style" which in 1955 became the Lambda Chi (Gryphon) House. The loss of *Das liebste, das beste Hause* in 1971 robbed Hamilton of its most fascinating architectural gem.

When Hamilton received "Davenham" as a gift in 1955, President Robert Ward McEwen decided that it should become the official residence, and a program of modernization was undertaken. A two-car garage was inserted into the porch at the northeast corner of the property which along with the caretaker's house became "faculty housing".

Lest one becomes alarmed at the apparent decline in the fortunes of Hamilton's faculty, it should be mentioned that there was a pressing need for faculty housing at that moment as a result of the decision to tear down a sort of shanty town euphemistically called "North Village" which stood behind the Delta Upsilon and Theta Delta Chi Houses and which had been knocked up as part of Hamilton's contribution to the war effort, serving in turn married undergraduate veterans and those faculty members whose rank and seniority put them at the bottom of the faculty housing list and to the rear of academic processions.

One advantage which President and Mrs. McEwen saw in the newly acquired President's Residence was that it offered considerably more room for the reception and dinners which are such an essential part of the president's (and his wife's) duties.

In order that the duties of the president's wife might be more felicitous, the large kitchen was remodelled and equipped with the conveniences of the television era. It is now possible to do the laundry in the daylit room adjacent to the kitchen rather than descending each Monday into the Stygian floom of the cellar laundry room with its four massive wash tubs. The cellar affords rooms for furnaces and utilities, wood bins, wine cellars, the large refrigerators necessary for large-scale and frequent entertaining, storage of dishes, plate, and sundry vases, and, in the case of Barbara Carovano — an enthusiastic and gifted potter — spaces suitable for her activities in ceramic.



The average visitor to "Davenham" is likely to gain some familiarity with the large drawing room at the south end of the ground floor with its ample fireplace and its two James Penney paintings lending distinction to a room otherwise intentionally anonymous in its furnishings in order that it should appeal to almost everyone. As the drawing room is a couple of steps down from the entrance hall, effective entrances are facilitated but hasty retreats from any social indiscretion hampered.

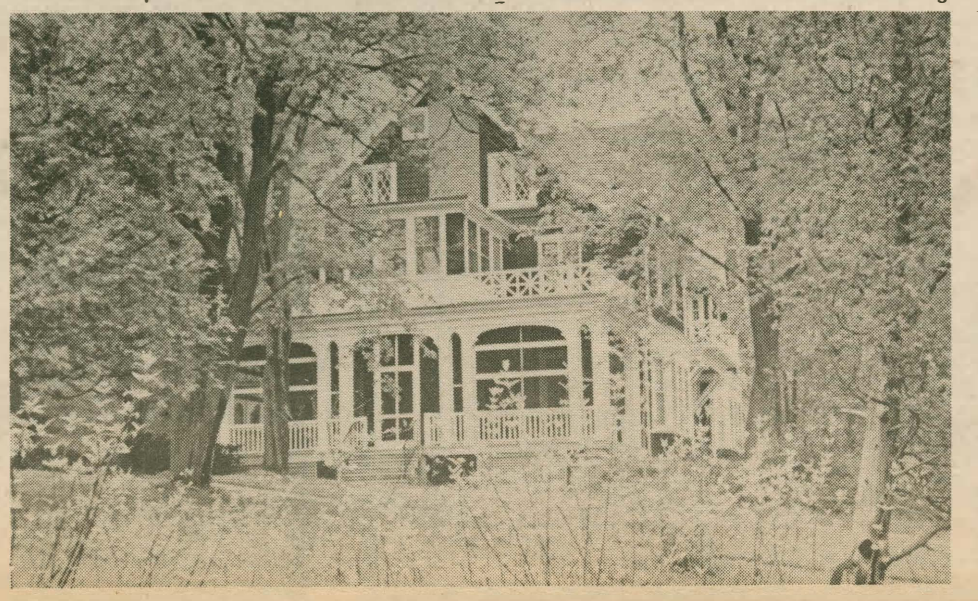
Since most official entertaining occurs during term-time, few visitors are likely to enjoy the enormous screened porch opening off the drawing room at the south end of the house. This porch overlooks the more private lawns and gardens on the side away from the road. This is surely one of the most delightful features of the house and will doubtless be much used during the hot and insect-ridden summer months. Even more private is the tiny one-room cottage hidden behind a clump of evergreens which provides a retreat for study and quiet reflection, thoughtfully equipped with fireplace and toilet, but no telephone.

In addition to the drawing room, a parlour and dining room also open off the entrance hall. The dining room, with its odd shape produced by a large corner fireplace and small corner cabinet as well as various puzzling insets and protrusions is the least appealing room in the house.

The two upper floors are full of those pleasantly strange surprises in which so many older houses seem to abound. Rooms opening from the landing and into one another, cupboards and passages of every description (including some whose intended function defies explanation), and the balconies, decks, and sleeping porches which extend the living space of the bedrooms — all contribute to the fascination of the house and seem ideally suited to playing various Edwardian houseparty games.

It is here on the upper floors that the private family life of the Carovano's will center. Not only bedrooms, but studies and sitting rooms will provide the family with more intimate spaces and ones in which the particular life-style of the Carovanos is more likely to be evident. Moving from a more modern home designed to accomodate furnishings of a contemporary and specific taste, they will of course be freer to impose their own personality here than in the more public spaes below.

Among the most attractive advantages of the house is its hillside location amidst stately and mature trees. This contributes to the fresh and cool atmosphere which prevails during the summer months. The design of the house with its choice of wood and the brown color of the exterior is intended to effect a happy relation between the specifically human requirements of the building and the natural environment, and one in which the house avoids either false modesty or affected naturalness. In its happy blend of the warmly domestic and the graciously inviting, "Davenham" seems an almost ideal setting for Martin and Barbara in their new roles as President and Mrs. Carovano.



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Watrous Award Won By Three Kirkland Women

BY THEODORE LOWEN

The fifth annual Watrous Literary Contest for Kirkland students has been won by three women this year. The awards were captured by Billie Jean Stratton '74 and Andrea Kantor '77 for poetry, and by Nancy Avery '74 in the prose fiction competition. Stratton was awarded an additional prize for the most promising Kirkland writer.

The judges who determined the contest winners were Chairman of the Kirkland Arts Department William Rosenfeld, Kirkland Literature teachers George Bahlke, William Hoffa, Heinrich Stabenau, Stephen Lipmann, Creative Writing Instructor Kathy Saltonstall Dewert, and Frederick Wagner of the Hamilton English Department.

The Watrous Contest is the first endowed prize to be given by Kirkland College. The prize was established in 1970 by Mrs. Edgar Couper, wife of the Trustee Emeritus of Hamilton College. Mrs. Couper, whose father was a principal in the Auburn school system, is an avid enthusiast of student writing.

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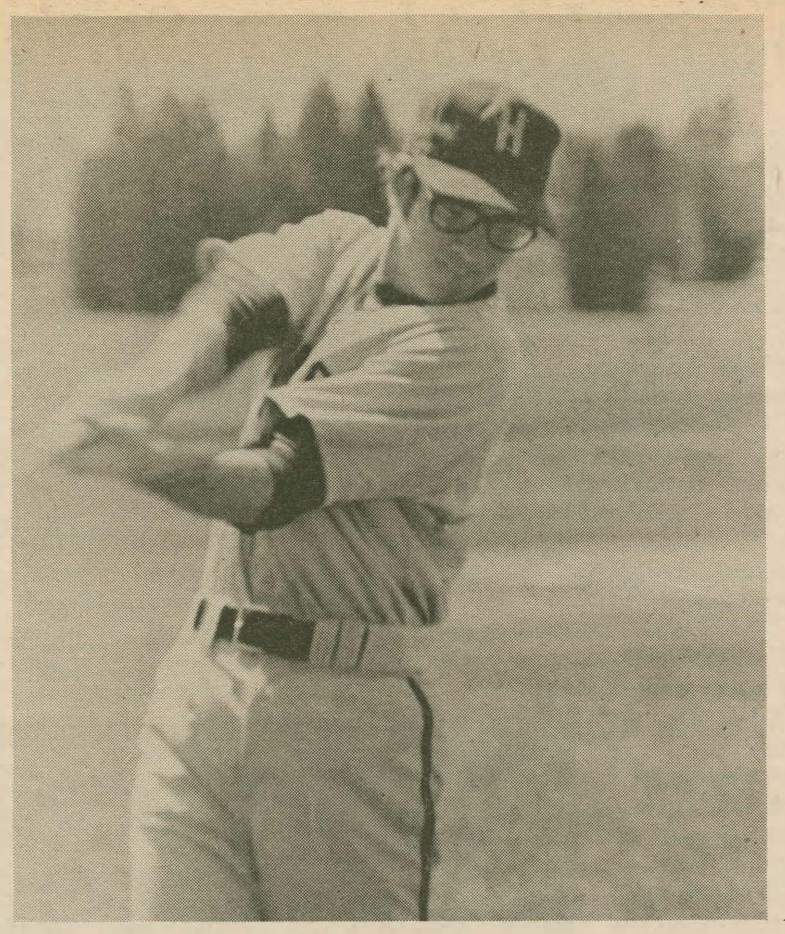

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Baseball Finals

BY BILL FOLEY

Last week, the Hamilton College baseball season wound up on a dismal note with a record of 3 and 8 . The Continental team failed to remain true to pre-season expectations, and finished well below a predicted 5 and 0 percentage.

Following a spring exhibition tour to Pennsylvania, the season began in mid-March. At that time, the Buff and Blue boasted an explosive offense and maintained a stingy defense. But as the season progressed, complications arose. The hot bats chilled while the tight defense faltered. With the key hitters' early slumping, a heavy burden was cast season long upon the shoulders of senior Craig Fallon and Captain Dave McLean '75. On occasional days Kurt Ziemendorf '77 and Bill Tarbell '77 contributed at the plate.

This year's pitching was spotty. John Psaki '75 and freshman John Driscoll turned in fine performances against Eisenhower and Union respectively. Andy Pratt '76 remained as relief pitcher to round out the corps that saw mound duty.

The 1974 spring was a season of strategic moves by Coach Steve Heckler. In an effort to correct a troublesome defense, Heckler rotated the players to and from the outfiend and the infield spots. The moves which transferred players into uncomfortable fielding affected the confidence and the actual play. Craig Fallon '74 was moved to center field to accompany left fielder, former short stop Don Haggerty '76. Throughout the season, John Thomas '75 and Kurt Ziemendorf '77 shared the right field responsibilities. Chip Hollands '77 alternated at second base with Brian Gelber '76 and later switched to shortstop as Dave Lecher's understudy. Bill Tarbell relieved Fallon at first base. Dave McLean and Dave Pisanelli proved to be the only permanent starters.

The Continentals' problems were compounded by poor weather conditions that limited practice time and cancelled out the Hobart and St. Lawrence contests. Two of last year's starters, Nordo Nissi and Bill Foley missed end of the season action due to personal reasons. Were it not for the nasty weather, perhaps the strong arms of the pitching crew could have limbered up earlier. With sound pitching nixing the opponents' attack, the Continental batsmen would have been able to fully concentrate on hitting.

Coach Heckler's accent on youth could be the bright spot in the Hamilton baseball future. Next year's squad will most definitely benefit from the 1974 baseball experience. New faces will surely be found in the 1975 lineup.

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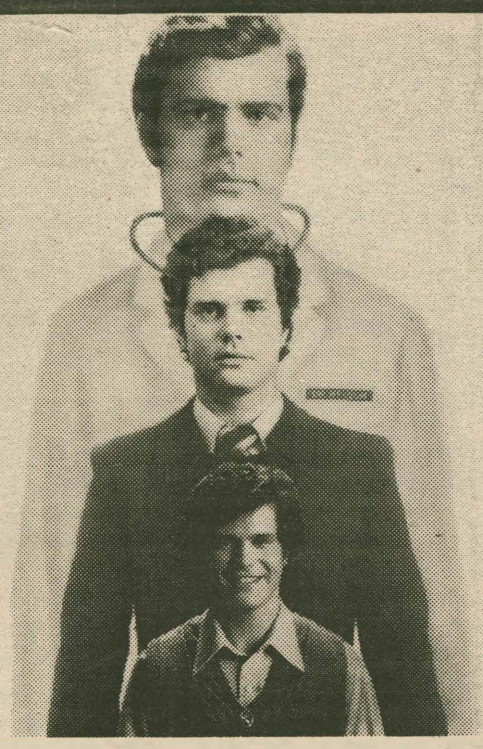
Bob King formally became Hamilton's head coach in early January. *The Utica Daily Press* Sports Editor, Phil Spartano, stirred up quite a controversy with his comments in a January 6th column. He said, "Enter team captains John Newell and Bill Ferris. They confronted ex-head coach Don Jones on separate occasions and expressed a lack of confidence in his ability. Shortly thereafter Jones informed the administration that he would not coach."

One week later, *The Utica Observer-Dispatch* printed irate letters from Dean Kurtz and "Acting" President Carovano. Kurtz called Spartano's comments "gossip" while Carovano said it was "inaccurate and irresponsible." Spartano's source remained anonymous, but his facts were closer to the truth than most people were willing to admit.

Newell did visit Coach Jones at his house in December. According to Newell, in an interview on January 17, he told Jones, "I signed the petition and I support King but I never came out against you. But it's impossible for me to be captain of a program I can't believe in." Newell said that Jones, who intended to reassume his position after his year of sabbatical, "had no recruiting program, and no new ideas for offense or defense. If we were going to have a good program it was going to come from King." He left Jones' house and walked uphill.

Thirty minutes later Newell informed Ferris about what he had said to Jones, but "Wheels" decided to call him just to make sure that Jones understood his position also. Now Bob King coaches football while Don Jones coaches golf. And Phil Spartano writes columns for the *Daily Press* on the word of reliable sources.



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Buff and Blue Duffers Finish 7-2 Spring Season

BY ALAN COLBY

In perennial form the Hamilton golf team closed out another successful season. Despite a somewhat disappointing finish, Coach Jones' boys still turned in a seven and two slate.

After the cancellation of their May 1 match with SUNY Binghamton, the squad travelled to a twelve-team invitational tournament at Albany, on Monday May 6. While obviously pleased by the team's consistent winning performances in dual matches, Coach Jones had continually looked forward to a solid performance at Albany. The event which was the highlight of collegiate season would have brought much acclaim and prestige to the Continentals. But it was not to be. Cold and wet conditions at the long and difficult Albany Country Club made scoring virtually impossible. With tees moved all the way back, lengthening the course to well over seven thousand yards, and pins placed in diabolic locations, the low round for th seventy-two man field was a seventy-eight. Hamilton's Steve Green continued his deft play, finishing th ee strokes behind the medalist at eighty-one. Captain Wally Porter, playing on the course of his caddy days, could not capitalize on his familiarity with layout and finished with a personally disappointing eighty-four, which was runner-up for the Continentals.

Overall the Cont's finished a respectable fifth, behind R.I.T., Albany State, Oswego State, and Plattsburgh State, in the twelve-team field. However, it was a frustrating afternoon for the 'Nentals, who have proved capable of playing top notch golf thoughout the season. They had previously vanquished the runner-up, Albany State on the the upper New York state Tompkins turf and turned in the lowest Hamilton five-man round in recent years while trouncing LeMoyne just a week earlier, but brutal weather and the imposing Albany layout thwarted their efforts to secure a top position.

Back at home the next day, May 7, an unstoppable Cortland State organization roared into Clinton, grabbed a quick two-stroke victory, and scurried back down route 20, before Don Jones' boys could realize they had been used. Wally Porter, with a seventy-four, paced the Buff and Blue to a low five man score of 391, usually sufficient for a comfortable victory. Following Porter were Jack Widman with a 76, Vlad Hoyt and Steve Green with 79, and Doug Wright with an 81, all solid scores. But playing like wizards, the Cortland crew was not to be denied, as their total of 389 was two better that the locals.

But even with the Fates obviously working against the at the finish, the Continentals led by the consistently solid play of Captain Wally Porter, closed out the season with a 7 and 2 record. Porter, Steve Green and Greg(the Czar) Czarnowski will graduate, but with captains-elect Vlad Hoyt and Doug Wright and rookie sensation Jack Widman returning, the prospects for next year are again bright.

Netmen Consistent Improvements

BY DAVID WOLLMAN

The Hamilton netmen concluded a respectable season this year with a loss in a close final match against Union 8-1. This loss gave the team a 5-3 record for the year. Personal improvement among the players and consistently strong doubles play accounted for many of Hamilton's wins. The team is fortunate in that it will graduate only one senior, Brad Caswell. Brad, who captained the team this year had a fine season with a personal match record of 6-2. John Hutchins, who will return next spring as co-captain, also looks strong, and should provide momentum next season.

Next year coach Batt is looking forward to an even better season. Tom Pirodsky '75 and Dave Wollman '76 have indicated that they will join the team next season. Both men should help the team considerably. With a couple of good freshmen, the Hill may see a very strong team next year.

Indies Champs

The 1974 Intramural Season came to a close on May 13 as the Independents defeated Delta Upsilon in the softball finals, 4-3. The annual Intramural Trophy, awarded to the most successful athletic group over the course of the year, went to Alpha Delta Phi.

The Indys downed A.D. in their semi-final matchup, while D.U. defeated Psi U. In the finals the next day, D.U. got off to an early 2-0 lead, but the Indys came back to know the score in the sixth at 2-2. All four runs up to this point had been scored on errors.

Indy first baseman Arnie Ahlert hit a two-run smash in extra innings to put the Independents up 4-3 in the top of the ninth. D.U. got one run back in the bottom of the inning, but couldn't bring the tying run home. It was pitcher John Williams and the Independents' second consequtive softball championship.

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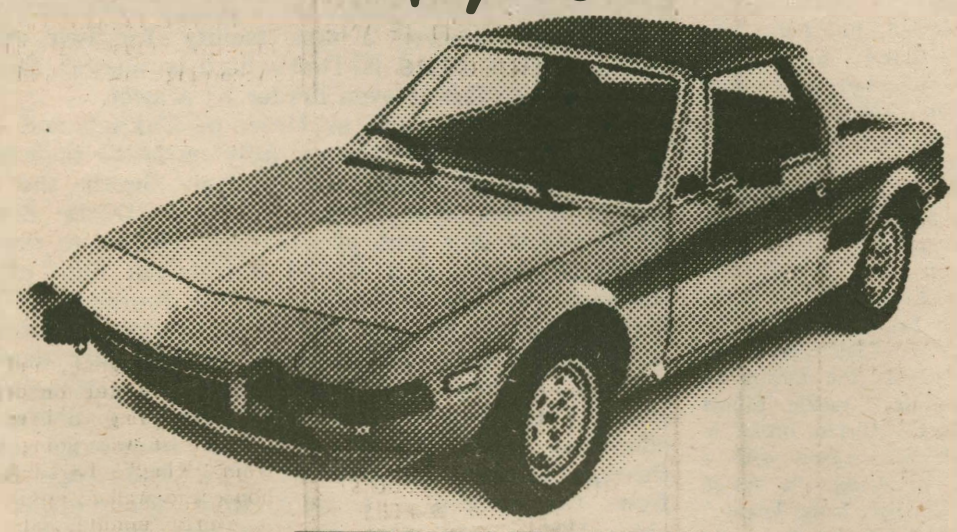

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Track Team Successful Running Strong Next Season

BY NEIL EISNER

The Hamilton track team closed one of its most successful campaigns ever by finishing ninth in the NYSCT&FA championship meet at Colgate University on May 12. The season saw several record-breaking performances, mostly by underclassmen. These include a 14:24.2 three mile by Bruce Carter '76, a 30:40 six mile by freshman Jon Schmeyer, a 151' 6" hammer toss by Kurt Handschumacher, also a freshman, and a 43.5 440 relay by the team of Dave Baker, Sandy Mackintosh, Pedro Garcia, and Kevin Snyder.

Most of the action this year took place within a three-week period of intense competition. After the initial upset victory against the University of Rochester (85-60) the team picked up the momentum which culminated in an unprecedented 69-66 win against Colgate. Other vanquished teams include Siena (111-43), Hartwick (133-19), Oswego (57½-15), Brockport (57½-57), and Alfred (69-55). The two losses were suffered at the hands of Union (82-63) and Cortland (67½-57). They ended with a 7-2 season record.

The times and scores represent a great deal of hard work and enthusiasm by everyone involved. Senior co-captains Vito Stellato and Sandy Mackintosh provided the leadership and point-scoring ability necessary for a winning team. Along with next year's field captain Pedro Garcia '75, Mack shared the Ahner award for most valuable competitor. The year's most significant turnaround occured among the sprinters. Sophomores Dave Baker and Dale Garrett, along with junior Kevin Snyder, provided essential points in all the speed events. Stellato dominated the middle distance field, running everything from the mile relay to the three. He was aided by his successor, future co-captain Louis Pacilio. It was a strong, well-rounded team, with very few weak spots. Coach Gene Long said they were "the best-conditioned group of athletes I've seen in years."

Early in the season Long stressed mental and physical looseness as the mandatory prelude to fine performances, and he feels that this advice was well-heeded. Post-workout stretching became a ritual. The distance runners were a familiar sight executing their grueling routines in the weightroom long after they had finished their roadwork. The grimaces turned to smiles, however, when the records began to fall.

In addition to the more exceptional accomplishments, there were a considerable number of personal bests by runner of lesser caliber, but equal determination. These men provided essential depth and grabbed points when they were most necessary. Notables were Steve and Bob Applegate, Dirk Tacke, Charles Hathaway, Peter Wang, Don Kendall, Ed Jimenez, Steve Simmons, Kirby Joss, and John Allen. Their reward is the satisfaction of a winning season, and the promise of next spring.

Stellato and Apple gate show team effort and winning form.

Coach Bob King and Senior Craig Fallon.

Hamilton Football Has Its King

BY ROBERT J. KEREN

Bob King likes to do things his own way. And now that he's no longer "acting" head football coach, that's just what he's doing. There was an old adage on the Hill that went: "At Hamilton we don't recruit." Well, Bob King started looking in his own back yard and now he has more than thirty rookies coming to camp next fall, including eight local high school stars.

That's King's big step toward insuring that last year's 0-8 football disaster will remain a thing of the past.

In 1973 Hamilton never had more than thirty-seven players on their talent-thin roster. Now King is talking excitedly about seventy. He said, "We got thirty new recruits and about forty guys coming back so I'm just gonna take the twenty-two toughest guys and go out there. And that's all there is to it."

The big name that King had to get was QB Tom LaFountain from John F. Kennedy High School in Utica. After LaFountain indicated that he'd go to Hamilton, other Utica-area standouts came running. It's no small coincidence that King was a physical education teacher at J.F.K. while he was Hamilton's "acting" head coach in 1973 and assistant coach in 1972. Bob and Tom are friends.

Even a bumper crop of rookies cannot be expected to fill all the gaps in Hamilton's football program. But going by the numbers alone, the Blues' bench strength will have to grow. No longer will Donnie Armstrong or Jake Cunningham be called on to play both ways.

King went after interior linemen and backs, and that's pretty much what he got. Along with LaFountain, halfbacks Steve Hajek from Notre Dame and Dan Waldron from Whitesboro High will be contending for backfield positions. Hajek paced the Central Oneida League in '73 with 829 yards rushing. Waldron turned in two 200-yard games before succumbing to knee surgery in the third week of the season.

Two areas that aren't begging for improvement are receiving and linebacking.

Three members of the class of '77 broke into the starting lineup last season at the end positions. Dave Pisanelli, Dave Lecher and George Grammaglia combined for 45 of Hamilton's 82 pass completions. Veteran Speedster Kevin Snyder and feisty Alec Singer round out the receiving corps. But even 6'3" manager Owen Kratz has good hands. But just getting the ball to them has always been the problem for the pass-oriented Continentals.

John Newell, Bill Ferris and Mark O'Brien make up Hamilton's toughest linebacking trio in years. Newell and Ferris studied under little All-American Andy Sopchak '73 for two years, and are now prepared to lead the Blues as co-captains, both on and off the field. Newell won the coveted Rue Trophy at Union in '73 while playing the best football of his life every Saturday afternoon. "Wheels" Ferris, the master of the "clothes-line" tackle, is just plain vicious. O'Brien broke in as a frosh last season with a reputation of being "a tough kid from Copaige, Long Island." King benched him for three and a half games until Mark finally started to exceed all expectations. The three complement each other's talents; they all take football very seriously from August to November, and they are winners.

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Editor's Comment

Sports Reflections

Looking back on Hamilton athletics for the 1973-74 school year, one sees reflections of many wide ranged attitudes and reactions. Jeff Hewitt '74 was signed as a free agent by the Dallas Cowboys, and faculty student concern was shown over lowered admissions for student athletes. One can take either extreme and argue with no greater validity. Some feel that the administration has lowered the scholastic standards to admit students of a higher caliber, while others feel that Hamilton needs a new sports complex. Ed Wilson of the Admission Department has initiated a study on scholastic standards of student-athletes compared to the remainder of the student body. Roger Schneider '75 has been granted access to all admission and scholastica records by the Hamilton trustees and seems involved in another study. The swimming team has totaled a seven season record of 72-6-1 under Coach Eric MacDonald. Most teams of this caliber at a school such as Colgate would have received a new facility for their efforts. Can Hamilton afford it? That's hard to answer. Should they build it? This is even harder to answer.

Some schools, such as Univ. of Chicago and Univ. of Detroit, have partially or fully curtailed their sports programs. Oberlin has hired Tommy Smith, the most radical minded sports figure alive, as athletic director and ex-olympians and pro football players as coaches. Hamilton cannot and should not curtail their athletic program, nor can we follow in the footsteps of Ohio State or U.C.L.A. The school can certainly not mark off athletics as a frivolous and academically deterring activity. Athletics is involved with the self-realization process one hopes to achieve through a liberal arts education, and also involves the knowledge gained through learning experiences. This knowledge ranges from the insights one gains from group effort and competition, and also the insights into one's own physical nature. A nature of the person that money people today seem to take for granted.

Current Hamilton admissions standards should be centered on academic quality with extracurricular activities taken into consideration and influencing choices. The degree of emphasis on differing activities is the question that stands; and the line that is drawn is vague and does need qualification.